



DATE: January 8, 2014

TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Diana Yu, Board Member

SUBJECT: HEARING – CHAPTER 246-105 WAC IMMUNIZATION OF CHILD CARE AND SCHOOL CHILDREN AGAINST CERTAIN VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES

Background and Summary:

According to statute (RCW 28A.210.080, 28A. 210.100, and 28A.210.140), the Board has the authority to adopt rules on proof of immunizations for school and day care attendance, prescribe the form of written records for school and day care immunizations, and adopt rules that establish requirements for “full immunization.” The rules reflecting the Board’s statutory authority pertaining to child care and school children’s vaccinations are contained in Chapter 246-105 WAC (Immunization of Child Care and School Children against Certain Vaccine-Preventable Diseases).

In 2011, the legislature amended the immunization statute (RCW 28A.210.090) to make changes to exception provisions. The immunization rule needs to be updated to reflect these statutory changes. The rule currently references the 2012 version of the MMWR article describing the ACIP’s recommended schedule. While we have the rule open, we would like to update the reference so it is in synch with current medical practice and the most recent ACIP schedule. In sum, we propose modifying the immunization rule language to reflect statutory changes, update the ACIP reference, and clarify language as needed.

The Board received a briefing on these proposed changes in November 2013. On December 3, 2013 a CR-102 (the proposed rulemaking) was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 13-24-095.

Today, Jeff Wise, from the Department of Health’s Office of Immunization and Child Profile will tell you more about the proposed rule language changes, comments received and the Department of Health’s suggested response.

Recommended Board Action:

The Board approves the amendment to revise WAC 246-105-020, 030, 040, 050, 060, and 070 as published in WSR 13-24-095 and asks that a CR-103 be filed to adopt the amendments.

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